

## **NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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## PARMA SENIOR FURNACE VOUCHER PROGRAM EXPANDS

**(PARMA)** – The City of Parma has announced an additional 50 furnace cleaning vouchers will be made available to qualifying seniors. A total of 250 of the \$80 vouchers will become available August 2<sup>nd</sup> through the City's Community Development Department. They are available on a first come, first served basis.

"For each of the past 5 years this program has been in place, we have saved lives," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "Many times, if that furnace had been switched on without this subsidized inspection service, the homeowner could have been injured or killed by carbon monoxide."

The \$80 vouchers usually cover the entire cost of having your furnace system inspected and cleaned for proper, safe operation. Homeowners can select the contractor of their choice.

To qualify, you must own your home and all occupants must be over 65 years of age. Applicants can apply in person at the Community Development Department, 5592 Broadview Road, Suite #101 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or call (216) 661-7372 and request an application and reserve a voucher.

Applicants must provide photo identification of all occupants, a copy of their last property tax bill, a recent natural gas bill and a recent phone bill. Funding for this program is provided through a Community Development Block Grant.